

The Spirit
of the Lord
is upon me.

Luke 4:18



St. Mark's Catholic Church

Fr. Miguel Virella, SVD, Pastor

Fr. Miguel Valle, Parochial Vicar

Dr. Joseph V. Stillo, Deacon

Michael Keary, Deacon

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon
5PM in Spanish

Daily Masses

**Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
after Daily Masses**

Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and 11 AM
Saturday 7:30 AM Only (No 11 AM Mass
on Saturdays)

Devotions and Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena after daily

Masses on Wednesdays

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays after
7:30 AM Mass.

Benediction at 10:45 AM

1st Fridays Spanish Adoration

beginning at 7 PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and
Thursdays after the 7:30 AM and
11 AM Masses

Rectory Office 732-449-6364

Bulletin	Ext. 114
Religious Education	Ext. 105
Social Concerns	Ext. 108
Spanish Ministry	Ext. 104 or Ext. 105
Weddings	Ext. 100

Ministries

Altar Rosary Society	732-528-6948
Bereavement Ministry	718-637-1162
CYO	732-685-6011
Music Ministry	908-415-0212
Rosary Makers	732-245-8405



Please pray for our sick: Marilyn Woerner, Ann Lehberger, Joan Trutneff, Kevin Motzenbecker, Kenneth Thorne, Mary Bogan, Patty Accavallo, Donna Brundage, Daniel DeSeno, Thomas Weeks, Jan Soriano, Nadine Piccolo, Patti & John Hillenbrand, Raymond Burghart, Joan Langlois, Robert Czech, Janet Thomas, Bruce Bogan, Sr.

Please Note: Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

- †Kevin J. McLoughlin
- †Tom Ort
- †Barbara Peter
- †Andrew Voza

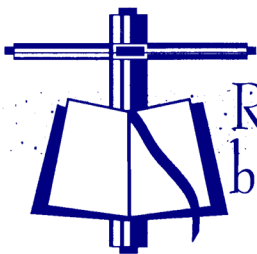
May the angels lead you into paradise.



Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

The collection total for January 19, 2025 is \$9,453.



Repent and believe the Gospel

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 25/26: The second collection is for Latin America. Thank you for your generosity!

January 26: Commemoration of the Word of God Sunday. See page 5.

January 27: Rosary Makers will meet at 1pm in Fr. Child's Hall.

January 29: American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mark's Church. See page 11.

Rosary Makers will meet on **Monday, January 27th** at **1pm** in Fr. Child's Hall (Saint Mark's basement). As always, we welcome anyone interested in making rosaries as well as our faithful rosary makers.

"With the Rosary, we continually raise a song of love from earth. In the excessive materialism of our life, it is a bright cloud of spirituality, rising from every home and every heart" (*Servant of God Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo*).

Questions? Contact Maria mgchecton@gmail.com or (732) 245-8405.



St. Mark's Church is wheelchair accessible. There is a ramp on the north side, and an elevator on the south side of the church. Handicapped parking is located in the driveway, the south side of the church, and in front of the church.

Word of Life

Intercessions for Life

January 26, 2025

For those suffering after abortion, may they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and may they turn to Him for His mercy and peace,

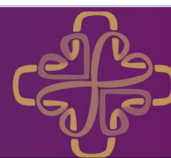
let us pray to the Lord:


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HERE**

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

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A scroll of aged, textured parchment is unrolled, showing the text "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." written in a red, gothic-style font. The scroll is held by four wooden rollers, two at the top and two at the bottom. The parchment has a mottled, aged appearance with some creases and discoloration. The background is a light, textured surface.

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† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 27

7:30 AM

† Dr. James Cashman by Family

11:00 AM

† Erin & Richard O'Day by Patrice O'Day

† Thomas Whelan by Peggy Whelan

† Barbara O'Neil by Maureen Jamieson

Tuesday, January 28

7:30 AM

† Carol Treger by Estate

† Mary McCluskey by Estate

† Raymond O'Meara by Sara Lynch

11:00 AM

† Barbara O'Neil by St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry

† John Briscoe by Mary McCarthy

† Elizabeth Ann Richter by Babbitt Family

Wednesday, January 29

7:30 AM

† Thomas Albin Sr. by Kathleen & Tom Albin

11:00 AM

† Arthur Laszlo by Bernadette Taylor

† Raymond O'Meara, Sr. by Connie & Mark Duffy

† Anne Keary by Sandra & Michael Keary

Thursday, January 30

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family

† Joan Enright by Estate

11:AM

† Agnes Morgan by Estate

† William Heindle by Estate

† Raymond O'Meara by Marybeth & Joe Walsh

Friday, January 31

7:30 AM

† Richard Russo by Josephine Russo

† Holy Souls in Purgatory by Bill & Mary Reilly Family

11:00 AM

† Antonuzza Bertucci by Bertucci Family

† Raymond O'Meara Sr. by St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry

Lynn Miller by St. Mark's Parish Family

Saturday, February 1

7:30 AM

† Tom and Ethel Alworth by Pete & Barbara Sheridan

4:30 PM

People of the Parish

Sunday, February 2

8:00 AM

† Richard Russo by Josephine Russo

† Raymond O'Meara, Sr. by Maria & John Checton

10:00 AM

† Jillian Ludwig by Cortese Family

† Tersilia Tambini by Saracco Family

† Philomena DeMars by Rose Ann Ferguson

12 Noon

† Sam Toscano, Sr. by Sandra & Michael Keary

† Jeanette V. Russo-Alessi by Carol Rielly

5:00 PM

† Lucia Chavez Garcia by Family



January 26, 2025

Monday Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Mk 4:21-25

Friday Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32.



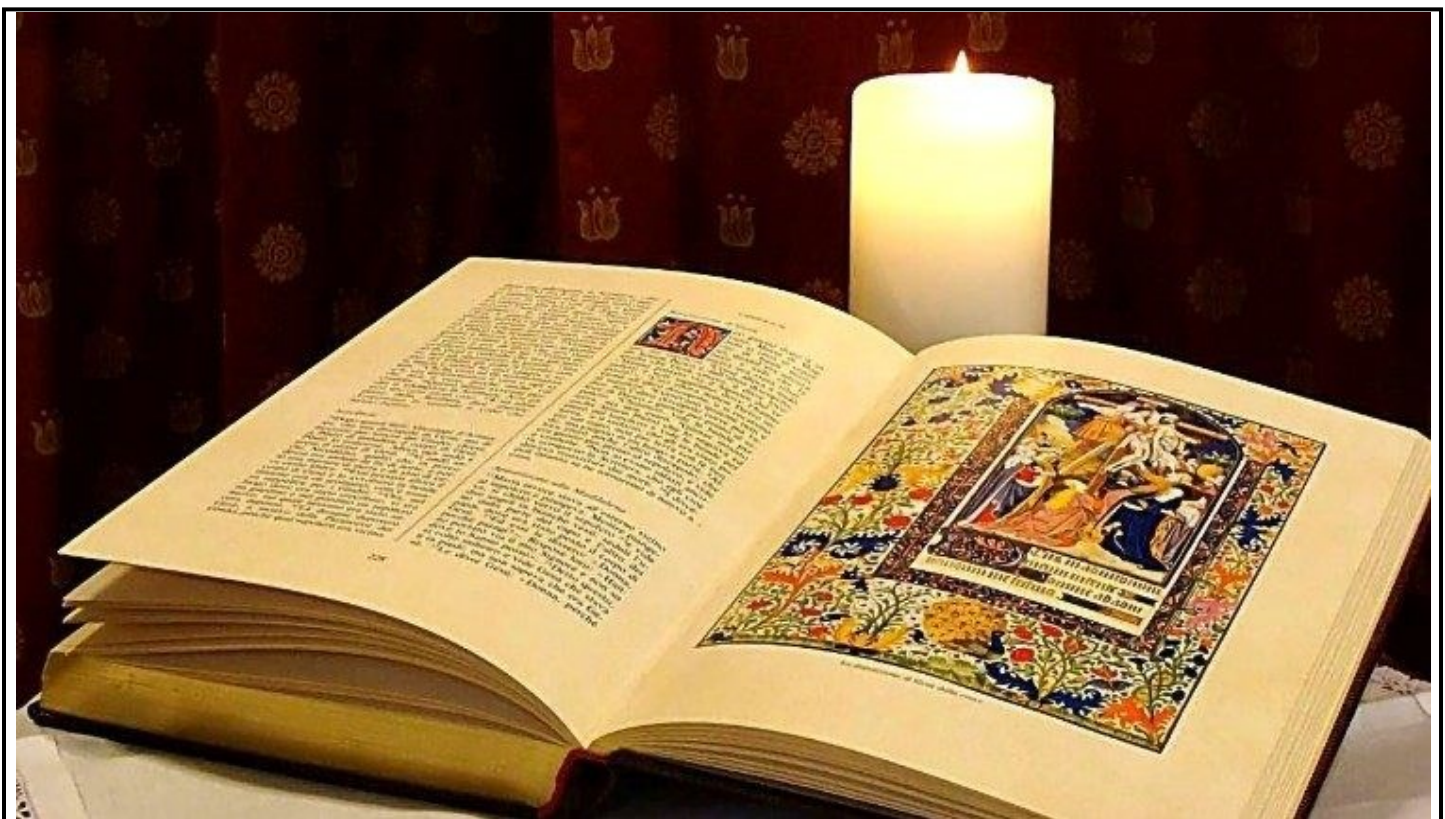
The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline.

To report the sexual abuse of minors call our hotline 1-888-296-2965 or email us at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org

Please note: The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

Ministry Schedule February 1/2, 2025					
	Celebrant	Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Usher
Saturday, 4:30 PM	Fr. Valle		Pat Wright	Lynn Jelliff Jack Wright Anthony Granato	Anthony Granato Walter Henry Joe Walsh
Sunday, 8:00 AM	Fr. Valle	Deacon Joe, Preaching	Rose Crimmins	Dan Crimmins Patrick Scatuorchio	Pat Ahern Leo Hurley Bob O'Neill Glenn Skola
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Fr. Miguel	Deacon Joe, Preaching	Robert Cavazini	Jay Lorenzo Eileen Sugrue	Jim Sheridan Rich Siderko
Sunday, 12:00 PM	Fr. Valle		Debbie Dunn	Debbie Dunn Andi Parkhill	Richard DeGroote Howard Flood



Commemoration of the Word of God Sunday

Next Sunday, January 26, 2025, our parish will joyfully celebrate Word of God Sunday, a day established by the Holy Father to deepen our appreciation, study, and dissemination of the Word of God.

Inspired by this call, we will highlight the importance of living and understanding the message of salvation. As part of our special celebration, there will be a procession of the Bible, accompanied by candles and light, symbolizing that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14)—our Lord Jesus Christ.

We invite all parishioners to join this solemn and meaningful event as we renew our commitment to the Word of God in our lives.

CYO News by Mary Reilly

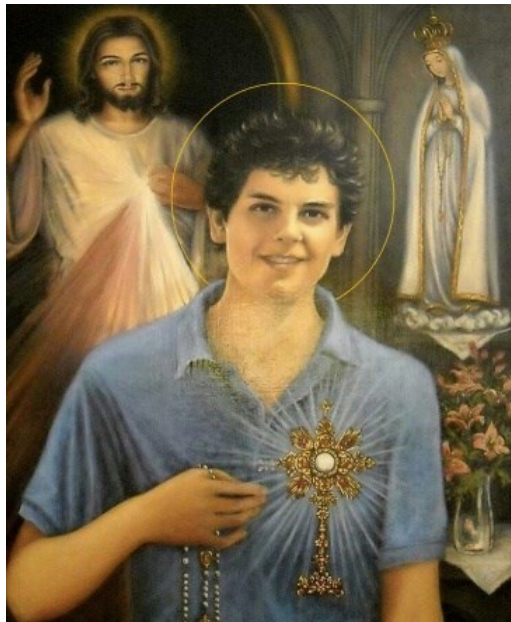


CYO reminders:

CYO meeting: January 26th at 7:30 PM. Don't forget to bring "no longer needed" sports' equipment for Ciara's drive to provide these for poor children. (for example—mitts , bats, baseballs, tennis racquets, etc.)

Save the date: Due to winter breaks in our schools, we have to push our Valentine's Walk for Hunger to Sunday, February 23rd at 1 PM. The rain/snow date will be February 22nd. Flyer (with more details) will be in future bulletins.

It's never too late to join CYO! All high school students are welcome!!!!!!



At our next meeting, let's see how many CYO members can identify this boy who will soon be canonized a saint!!!!



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CCD NEWS

PROJECT PRESENTATIONS: 10 A.M. MASS



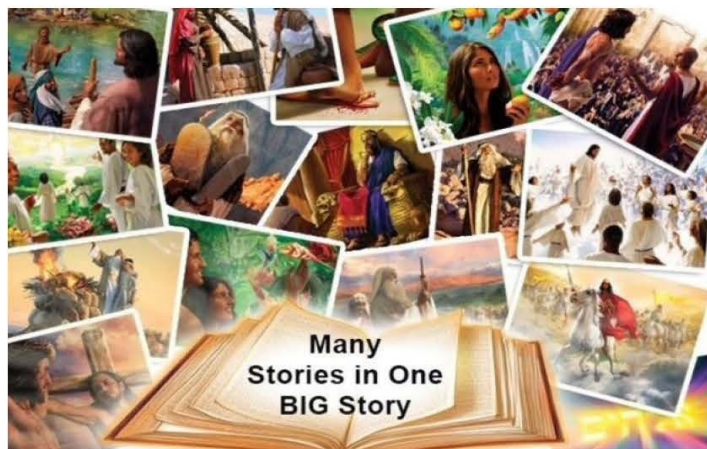
3rd grade: God is BIG
Sunday, February 2nd

Theme: God is all knowing and powerful! He is everywhere. God created our Big and beautiful world for everyone, and He wants us to work together to take care of it.

1st grade: God Made Me
Sunday, February 16th

Theme: God made all of us. He loves us so much. We are all made uniquely. That means each one of us are different, but we are all loved and cared for by God.

God Made Me!



6th grade: Bible Stories
Sunday, February 23th

Theme: The Bible was written by people inspired by God and the Holy Spirit. Each student will present a story from the Old & New Testament.

Social Concerns Programs

Feeding the Hungry



Are you looking for an easy way to help those in need? Here's one way you can make a difference. St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry is resuming the Frozen Meals Program for the Center in Asbury Park which was discontinued due to the Covid pandemic. The Center in Asbury Park, Inc., is a volunteer-based New Jersey not-for-profit service organization, providing support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers since 1992.

The process is simple! Here's what to do:

- Pick up food trays and lids next to the kitchen refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's Church basement)
- Fill the trays with generous portions of food
- Label the tray lids with the contents and date of preparation
- Return the meals to the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall.

Please use only the trays provided.

St Mark's volunteers will deliver the meals to The Center for distribution to their clients.

Please contact Marybeth or Joe Walsh at 732 449-5656 with any questions. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Collecting Travel Size Toiletries



St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee is collecting travel size toiletry items (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs etc.) for delivery by volunteers to those in need in the Asbury Park area. Containers are located at Church entrances. **Thank you!**

Mercy Center **UPDATE!**

PLEASE NOTE: The Mercy Center is no longer accepting clothing donations; however, there is an urgent need for canned soup.

Additional items needed are:

Diapers, size 4 and larger, and baby wipes, Coffee/tea, Mayo, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing.

Thank you for your support in helping our community!

St. Joseph By the Sea—Our programs are offered to enrich, renew and deepen one's interior communication with the Lord in an atmosphere of prayer, quiet and solitude. The scenic environment of the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay provides additional contemplative opportunity. **Current brochure can be found on our website at www.sjbsea.org or [CLICK HERE](#).**

Offerings at Francis House of Prayer: Spiritual direction, a one-on-one conversation with a spiritual director about God in your life, is always available. We offer the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius on a monthly and weekly basis, many opportunities to learn and practice contemplative prayer, reading programs on St. John of the Cross and other Carmelite Saints, and contemporary writers.

For programs or to register call Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net or [CLICK HERE](#).



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you

know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14-16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

St. Catharine School Open House

JOIN US

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

OPEN HOUSE

8:30-11:00AM

PARENT INFO
SESSION

6:30PM

St. Catharine School offers a traditional Catholic education for PreK-3 through 8th grade.

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We offer two Gathering opportunities: Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9pm or Wednesday afternoons, 12:15-2pm. Choose which time works best for you and join us at the table—you'll be so glad you did!

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in your
ways
O LORD
and
guide me
in your
truth



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Parish Mission Statement: We, the Parish Family of St. Mark's in our quest to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are building a faith-based community that assists all people in life's journey to be open to God's love and to share His joy. We are further **committed to address the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of all people through service to individuals**, families, parish and the greater community. As responsible stewards using our individual gifts, we promise to celebrate, renew and strengthen our faith, and to live our lives as a reflection of Christ's love for others. St. Mark's is designated as a Center for Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese of Trenton.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

2:00 PM-6:00 PM

St. Mark's Church

215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt, NJ 08750

Appointments are needed. [CLICK HERE](#) to schedule online or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



We are excited to invite you to the Diocesan [Bilingual Faith Formation and Parish Ministry Conference](#).

Date/Time: Saturday, March 29, 2025; 9:30am - 3:00pm (For early risers, there will be an optional workshop at 8:30am.)

Registration is open! [Download the Registration booklet today.](#)

Early registration \$25 per person ends January 31, 2025.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

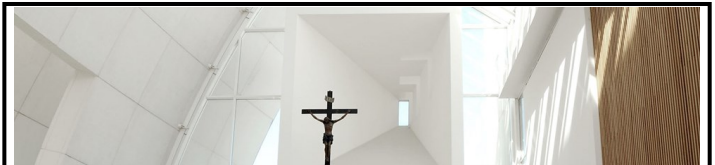
THE JOURNEY

FEB. 1ST 2025 10AM

8th-12th grade
 Notre Dame H.S. Lawrence, NJ
 Advance Registration \$25
 Walk-in Registration \$35
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"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary." (Is 40:31)



SUPPORT GROUP FOR ANYONE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

We have many offerings for anyone experiencing the pain and hurt of losing a marriage relationship. It doesn't matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated, going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. You could have been married 4 years or 40 years, it doesn't matter, this program has help for everyone that attends!

We are currently offering a 12-Week Program

Beginning Thursday, March 6th, 2025

From 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

St. Leo The Great, Parish Center Meeting Room

Located at 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft, NJ

To register or to have one of the Facilitators give you a call to find out more information, please email: healingheartfromdivorce@gmail.com. For more information to help you decide if this program is right for you, please visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry>.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY PRESENTS



Join Us for a Night Full of Fun, Laughs and Music

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2025

6:00pm to 10:00pm

Donovan Catholic Cafeteria @ 711 Hooper Ave., Toms River

BEATS by DJ's @ WORK!

GIVEAWAYS / RAFFLES / 50 - 50

B.Y.O. food & beverages. Coffee, tea & dessert will be served.

ADULTS ONLY.

\$40.00 per person / Reserve tables of 10 for \$375.00

RSVP by February 15, 2025

For information and tickets sales call

Zina Approvato at 732-600-3360

**IT'S A CCD CONTEST
PICK ONE STORY & ENTER
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!**

1. Find out why baby Moses was put in a floating basket by his mommy and who discovered him in the reeds.



2. A man named Noah built an ark and brought all the animals onboard two by two.

3. A young man named Daniel gets thrown into a den of very hungry lions and lives!



4. What happens when two stepbrothers, Jacob and Esau compete to be first? Hint: it gets very hairy!



5. Find out what happens when people in the city of Babel decide to do what they want to do (built a sky-high tower) and reject what God asked them to do.

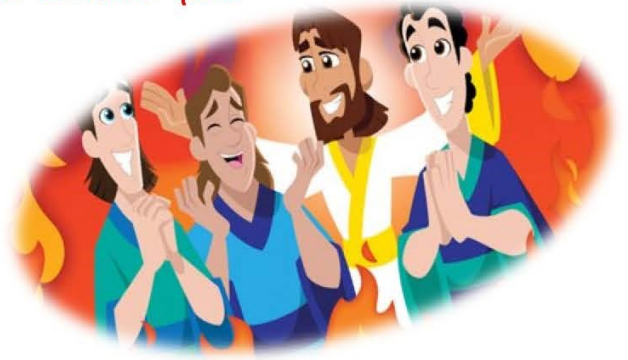


6. Young David wasn't the oldest, he wasn't the tallest and he wasn't the strongest. He was only a shepherd boy. But when God looked at David, He saw a king. Why?



8. How did wise King Solomon figure out which woman was the real mother to the baby both said was hers?

7. Three friends who love God with all their hearts are thrown into a fiery furnace by the Pharaoh and what happens next will amaze you!



Student's Name: _____

Story #: _____

Grade: _____

Only one entry per student. Give it to your CCD teacher.

Winning student & class gets to hear the story and get a special treat!

Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m.

Padre Miguel Valle, Vicario Parroquial
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Adoración al Santísimo

Primer Viernes de cada mes a las 7:00 p.m. en la Iglesia.

Calendario de Ministerios Domingo, Febrero 2, 2025 Misa 5:00 p.m.	
Celebrante	Padre Valle
Lectores	Jonathan García Juan Gonzalez
Ministros de Eucaristía	Lidet Cartagena Rosario Ramirez Javier Ramirez
Ujieres	Jose Reyes Benito Santiago Catarino Hernández Edgar Juárez
Monaguillos	Sophia Sanchez Madeline Jimenez Valeria Cruz Kiara Cruz Joanna Martinez



IGLESIA SAN MARCOS LOS INVITA A INTEGRARSE AL GRUPO DE HOMBRES ADULTOS

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DOMINGOS DE 6:00-8:00 A.M
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Este taller de oracion se reune los domingos para el rezo de laudes, vídeos, reflexión del evangelio y refrigerios.

PARA MAS INFORMACION LLAMAR:

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"pero los que confían en el Señor tendrán siempre nuevas fuerzas y podrán volar como las águilas; podrán correr sin cansarse y caminar sin fatigarse." (Is 40:31)

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Domingos:
 Enero: 26
 Febrero: 2, 16 & 23
 Horario de venta: 3:30-4:45 p.m. & 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Para mas informacion: Raul Perez (732) 292-2687